

REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 11 and 14-16 remain pending while claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17 and 18 were canceled. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.


Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 11 and 14-16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. All such claims have been amended accordingly.

In light of the above amendments, applicant earnestly believes the application to now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that it be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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